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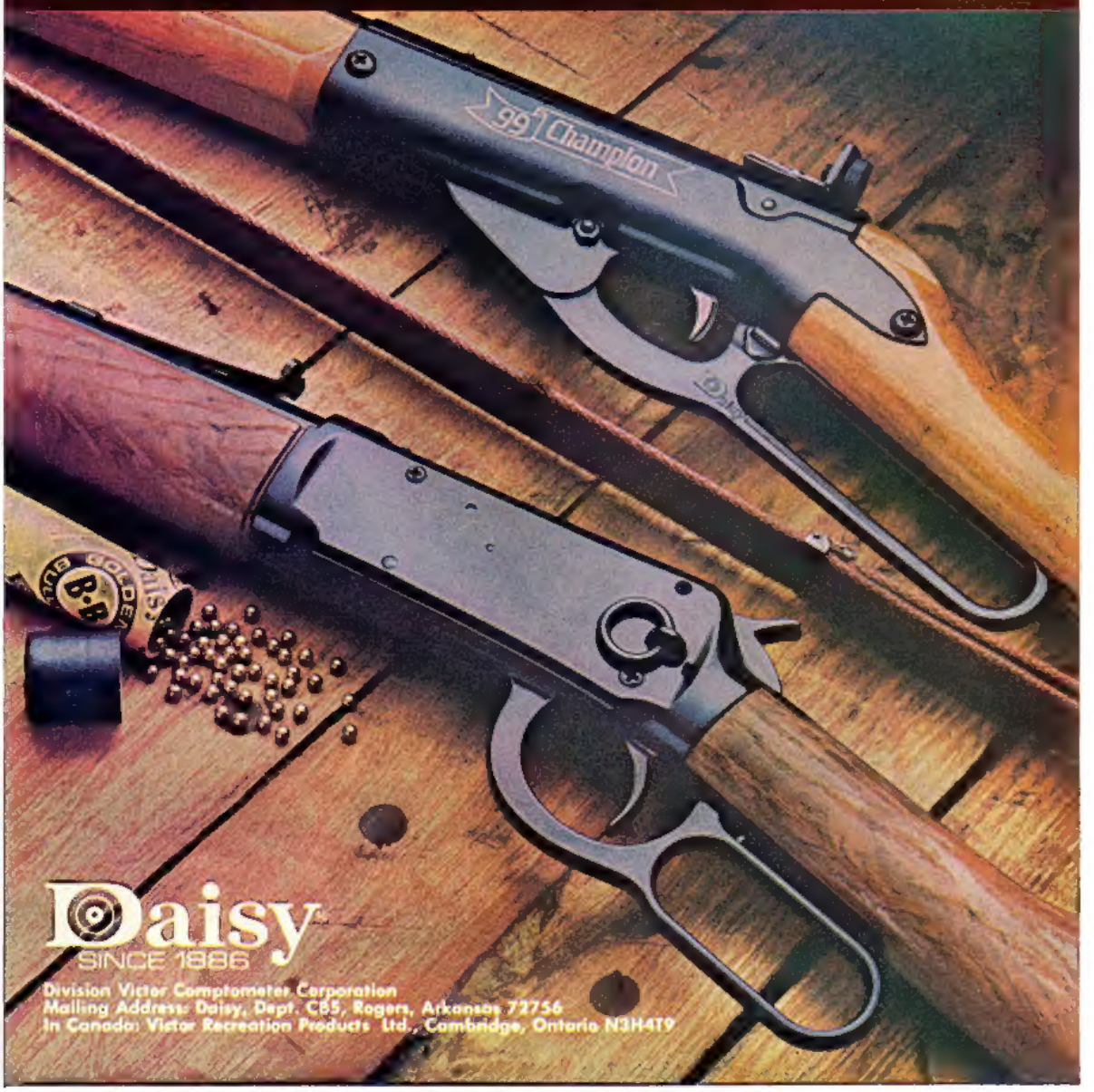

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Chambray GALLERY
S-STOP THE T-TRUCK! ALL OF A S-SUDDEN I G-GOT THE SH-SHAKES!
M-ME TOO! EVEN THE T-TRUCK'S SH-SHAKIN'...
...L-LIKE IT'S G-GONNA F-FALL...
...A-P-A-R-T!
HERE'S THE RUG!
LET'S MOVE IT--FAST!
THE DELIVERY ORDER'S STILL INTACT--WITH THE ADDRESS AND C.O.D. TAG ON IT!
AND C.O.D. IS THE WAY IT'LL COME--WHEN IT'S READY!
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A FEW HOURS LATER--AT THE PENTHOUSE APARTMENT OF BRUCE WAYNE...
FOR MR. ALFRED PENNYWORTH--FROM THE CHAMBRAY GALLERY--C.O.D.!
AH, YES--I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IT ALL DAY!
DEPOSIT IT IN THE NEXT ROOM, PLEASE...
I CAN JUST SEE THE JOY ON MASTER BRUCE'S FACE WHEN HE CONTEMPLATES MY BIRTHDAY GIFT TO HIM!
HE LOVES OBJECTS OF ART LIKE THIS... ESPECIALLY ANTIQUE RUGS...
NEXT MOMENT--A MOMENT OF HORROR!
GREAT HEAVENS!
A CORPSE--
--ROLLED UP INSIDE!
PARKSIDE TENNIS CLUB?--I MUST SPEAK TO BRUCE WAYNE AT ONCE!
N-NOW WHAT? THE RUG'S CRUMBLING--TURNING TO DUST...!
THANK GOODNESS--MASTER BRUCE IS ON HIS WAY!
IF EVER THERE WERE A MYSTERY FOR THE BATMAN--!
SHORTLY...
ALFRED--STOP SHAKING...AND START TALKING!
WHAT IS THIS--?
WITHIN THE HOUR--COMMISIONER GORDON ARRIVES TO FIND--
--THE BATMAN! HOW DID YOU KNOW...?
NEVER MIND THAT NOW, SIR--JUST LISTEN TO WHAT ALFRED HAS TO TELL US...

AND WHEN THE STILL-SHAKEN BUTLER STAMMERS OUT HIS STORY...
THE RUG WAS MEANT TO SURPRISE MASTER BRUCE...UPON HIS RETURN... FROM OUT OF TOWN...
ALL OF WHICH LEAVES US WITH A CORPSE--
--AND A PILE OF DUST...THE CHEMICALLY-TREATED, DISINTEGRATED REMAINS OF A RUG FROM THE CHAMBRAY GALLERY!
CHAMBRAY? ONE OF THEIR VANS WAS FOUND WRECKED EARLIER TODAY-- UTTERLY DEMOLISHED IN SOME MYSTERIOUS WAY--
--ALONG WITH ITS TWO TRUCKMEN!
THIS CAN HARDLY BE A COINCIDENCE! WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, BATMAN?
EXPLORING THE COINCIDENCE, COMMISSIONER... WHAT ELSE?
GLICK!
HUH? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
JUST TAKING A FEW SHOTS WITH MY INSTANT CAMERA...
I NEGLECTED TO MENTION IT, BATMAN-- THIS IS CAROL AMES OF NEWSBREAK!, SHE'S BEEN ASSIGNED TO DO A PICTURE STORY OF YOU ON AN ACTUAL CASE!
GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS, I THOUGHT... IF YOU AGREE...
I DON'T!
GLICK!
EVEN IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF, THESE ARE PRETTY GOOD INSTANT PRINTS!
I'LL TAKE THOSE SHOTS!
PLEASE-- BATMAN--
FORGET IT!
I DON'T NEED PUBLICITY...
I'M NOBODY'S SUNDAY FEATURE!
SOON AFTER, IN THE OFFICE OF GALLERY OWNER RAOUL CHAMBRAY...
AFTER THE TRAGEDY, WE TOOK INVENTORY OF THE TRUCK'S CONTENTS...
...BUT ODDLY ENOUGH, THE ONLY THING MISSING WAS A RUG!
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NOT REALLY! ACTUALLY, IT WAS ONE OF A PAIR I BOUGHT! THE OTHER ONE IS STILL ON DISPLAY IN THE MAIN SALON...
LET'S HAVE A LOOK!
AT THE UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE OF THE BATMAN, MURMURS OF EXCITEMENT RIPPLE THROUGH THE GALLERY VISITORS--
--ALL EXCEPT ONE...
SOMEWHAT FADED, BUT STILL LOVELY... AND OF ONLY MINOR MONETARY VALUE...
...YET APPARENTLY OF MAJOR INTEREST TO SOMEONE!
FOR AT THAT MOMENT, WHILE OTHERS ARE FOCUSING THEIR GAZE ON THE RUG...
CLICK!
MR. CHAMBRAY-- THAT MISSING RUG WAS DELIVERED TO ITS PURCHASER-- WITH A DEAD MAN WRAPPED IN IT!
THIS IS A PHOTO OF THAT MAN... DO YOU RECOGNIZE HIM?
WHY, YES-- THAT'S THE MAN WHO SOLD ME THE RUGS!
HELP!
HELP! THEY'RE STEALING MY CAMERA!
THAT AMES GIRL AGAIN--!
WHATEVER'S GOING ON HERE... LOOKS SERIOUS!
ONE MOVE, BATMAN-- AND SHE DIES!
EEOWW!
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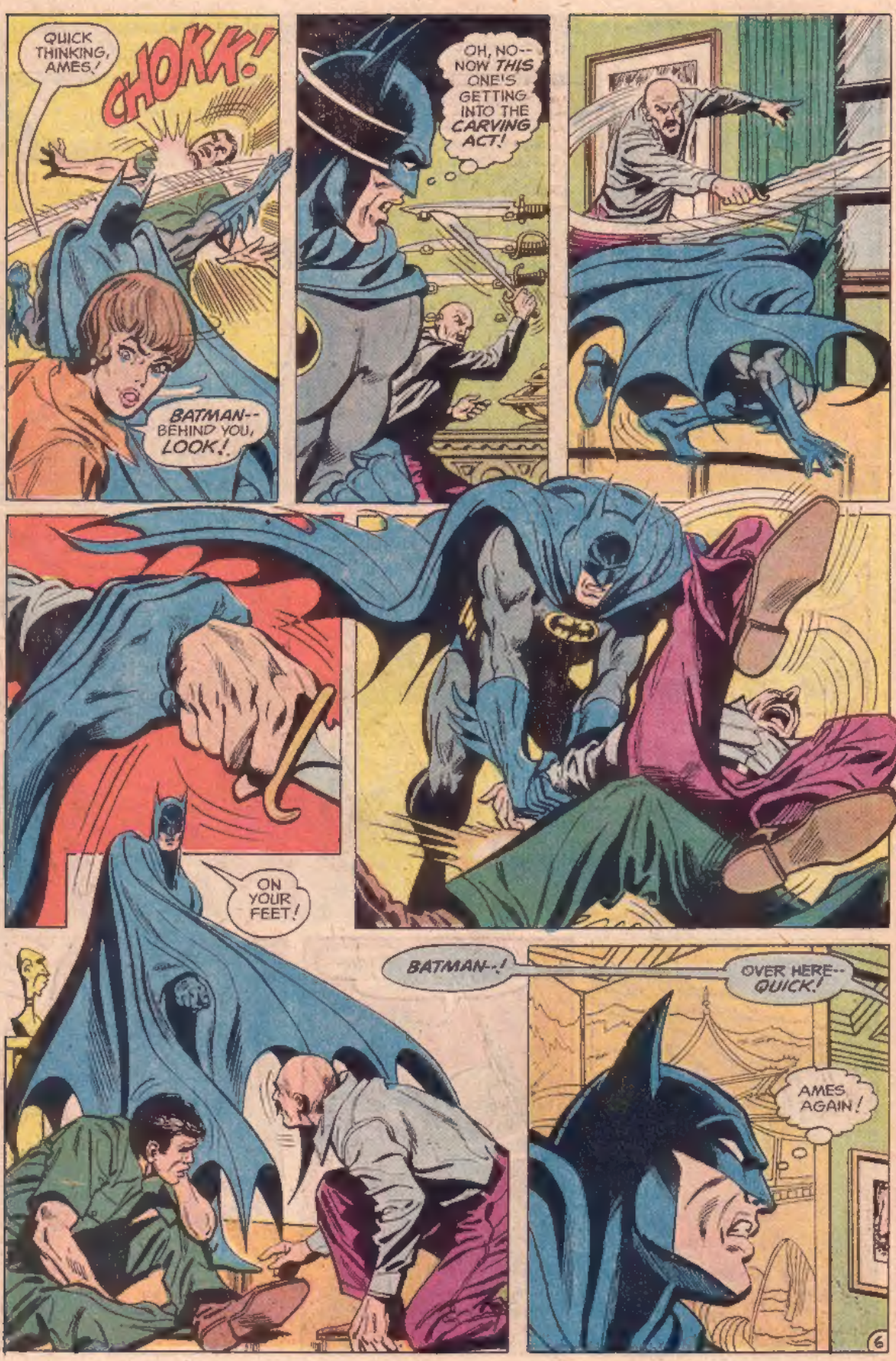
QUICK THINKING, AMES!
CHOKK!
BATMAN-- BEHIND YOU, LOOK!
OH, NO-- NOW THIS ONE'S GETTING INTO THE CARVING ACT!
ON YOUR FEET!
BATMAN--!
OVER HERE-- QUICK!
AMES AGAIN!
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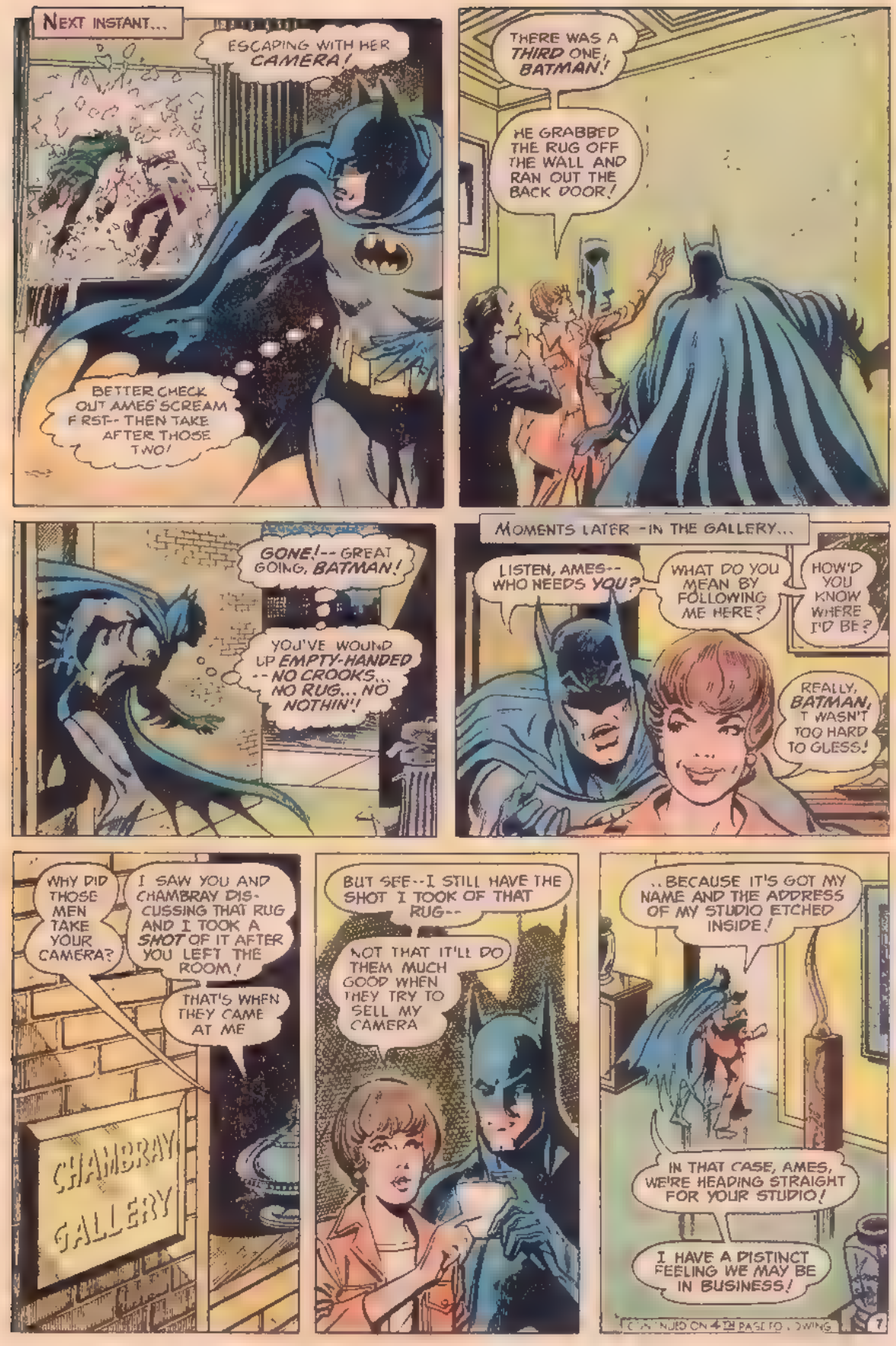
NEXT INSTANT...
ESCAPING WITH HER CAMERA!
BETTER CHECK OUT AMES' SCREAM FIRST-- THEN TAKE AFTER THOSE TWO!
THERE WAS A THIRD ONE, BATMAN!
HE GRABBED THE RUG OFF THE WALL AND RAN OUT THE BACK DOOR!
GONE!-- GREAT GOING, BATMAN!
YOU'VE WOUND UP EMPTY-HANDED -- NO CROOKS... NO RUG... NO NOTHIN'!
MOMENTS LATER -IN THE GALLERY...
LISTEN, AMES-- WHO NEEDS YOU?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY FOLLOWING ME HERE?
HOW'D YOU KNOW WHERE I'D BE?
REALLY, BATMAN, IT WASN'T TOO HARD TO GUESS!
WHY DID THOSE MEN TAKE YOUR CAMERA?
I SAW YOU AND CHAMBRAY DISCUSSING THAT RUG AND I TOOK A SHOT OF IT AFTER YOU LEFT THE ROOM!
THAT'S WHEN THEY CAME AT ME
CHAMBRAY GALLERY
BUT SEE--I STILL HAVE THE SHOT I TOOK OF THAT RUG--
NOT THAT IT'LL DO THEM MUCH GOOD WHEN THEY TRY TO SELL MY CAMERA
..BECAUSE IT'S GOT MY NAME AND THE ADDRESS OF MY STUDIO ETCHED INSIDE!
IN THAT CASE, AMES, WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR YOUR STUDIO!
I HAVE A DISTINCT FEELING WE MAY BE IN BUSINESS!
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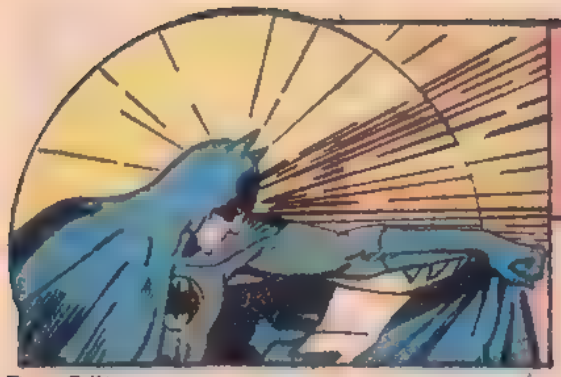

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LETTERS to the BATMAN

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Dear Editor:

When I saw the cover of **BATMAN #267** ("Invitation to a Murder"), I expected a solid supernatural story—the kind I love to read. I didn't get the supernatural stuff, but the tale was top-notch nonetheless.

Ernie Chua's pencils and Dick Giordano's inks were flawless as usual, but please forgive my ignorance—who is David V. Reed? He appears to be one heckuva writer! The story was intriguing to the end, not using any boring switch-around plots or surprise endings. With a couple of setting changes, it would've made a Grade A television script. And I really loved the last panel where, when Commissioner Gordon asks how Django planted the crime invitations in his office, **Batman** replies "I knew you'd bring that up! Well, sir, I'm still working on it . . . still working . . ." Beautiful!

ROD McLAUGHLIN, Ramsey, Mont.

(Praise poured in for David V. Reed's premiere Batman tale . . . and so did the question which opens our next letter!—BR)

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Dear Editor:

Who is this genius, David V. Reed? Everything about his story was very fine!

The little touches were what made "Invitation to a Murder" so great: **The Batman** logo on the moon on the splash page; Commissioner Gordon's rarely-shown office routine, **The Batman's** varied knowledge that zinc sulfide makes parchment glow, firemen are led by white-helmeted officers, Betel nuts turn saliva red and teeth black which let the reader solve the mystery along with **Batman**; the fact that few people would, after all, know who crime bosses are; the use of the rock concert and gimmickry of **Batman's** murder; and **Batman's** ironic life-saving of the criminal bosses.

There were little problems, however, the worst being how Mr. Reed left hanging the way Django planted the glowing invitations on Gordon's desk. That's bad writing!

But all in all, "Invitation to a Murder" came off very nicely and I still want to know—Who is this David V. Reed?

DAVID L. SEIDMAN, Beverly Hills, Cal.

(Wouldja believe he's the same guy who writes for PLOP—as Coram Nobis?—BR)

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Dear Editor:

"Invitation to a Murder" began with all the mystery, suspense and excitement of a truly excellent **Batman** yarn, but evolved into a campy, stupidly-scientific, just-plain-dumb story! To begin with, the evil Django was not what I call a diabolical villain. To me he was nothing more than a foreign cousin to the whirling **Top!** The dialogue was stupid. When the dying radio man says "Man who shot me . . had black teeth . . . black . . teeth," I must admit I laughed. It was almost as if he had said, "Man who shot me . . had bad breath . . bad . . . breath!" The idea of the microscopic explosives in the invitations was too unbelievable to make the story anything but a dud!

KEN WOLF, YORKTOWN, N.Y.

(Gee, Ken, even though you didn't like it, aren't you going to ask us who David V. Reed is?—BR)

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Dear Julie & Co.,

Finally you have discovered a writer who can spin a serious mystery tale. David V. Reed's "Invitation to a Murder" was rich in the twists and deductions that have earmarked the greatest **Batman** epics of years gone by. The pacing was excellent, no scene was overlong, and each sequence flowed smoothly into the next. Page 9 was an exercise in what the **Batman** was meant to be—the brooding, silent avenger on a personal vendetta to purge the world of evil. I consider this a victory for those of us who prefer a more serious treatment of **The Batman**. One final question: just who is David V. Reed?

KEVIN L. CALLAHAN, Brea, Cal.

(What would you say if we told you he's scripted such TV shows as NAKED CITY, VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, BILKO, and THE JACKIE GLEASON SHOW—plus such old-time radio favorites as SUPERMAN, MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY and HOUSE OF MYSTERY?—BR)

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Dear Julie & Bob,

David V. Reed is great! His line in **#267**—"Do as I say—or I'll tear your head off!"—showed the savagery which must come from someone who has fought crime as long as **THE BATMAN**. It fit the story perfectly. Just where did you find this great writer?

JOHN M. GALLO, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Well, we looked around the office and there he was! In addition to the information sprinkled throughout the preceding column, we can also tell you that Dave has written for such slick magazines as COSMOPOLITAN, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, COLLIER'S, MADEMOISELLE, ARGOSY and science-fiction pulps like AMAZING STORIES, FANTASTIC ADVENTURES and ASTOUNDING SCIENCE-FICTION! But we're going to let you in on a secret—Dave has done none of this writing under his real name! In fact, David V. Reed isn't even his real name! What do you think of that?!—BOB ROZAKIS)

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BATMAN, YOU'RE O.K. THIS HAS REAL FRUIT FILLING

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THEM DUMB BROTHERS OF MINE LET ME DOWN. LEMME OUTA HERE...

UHH

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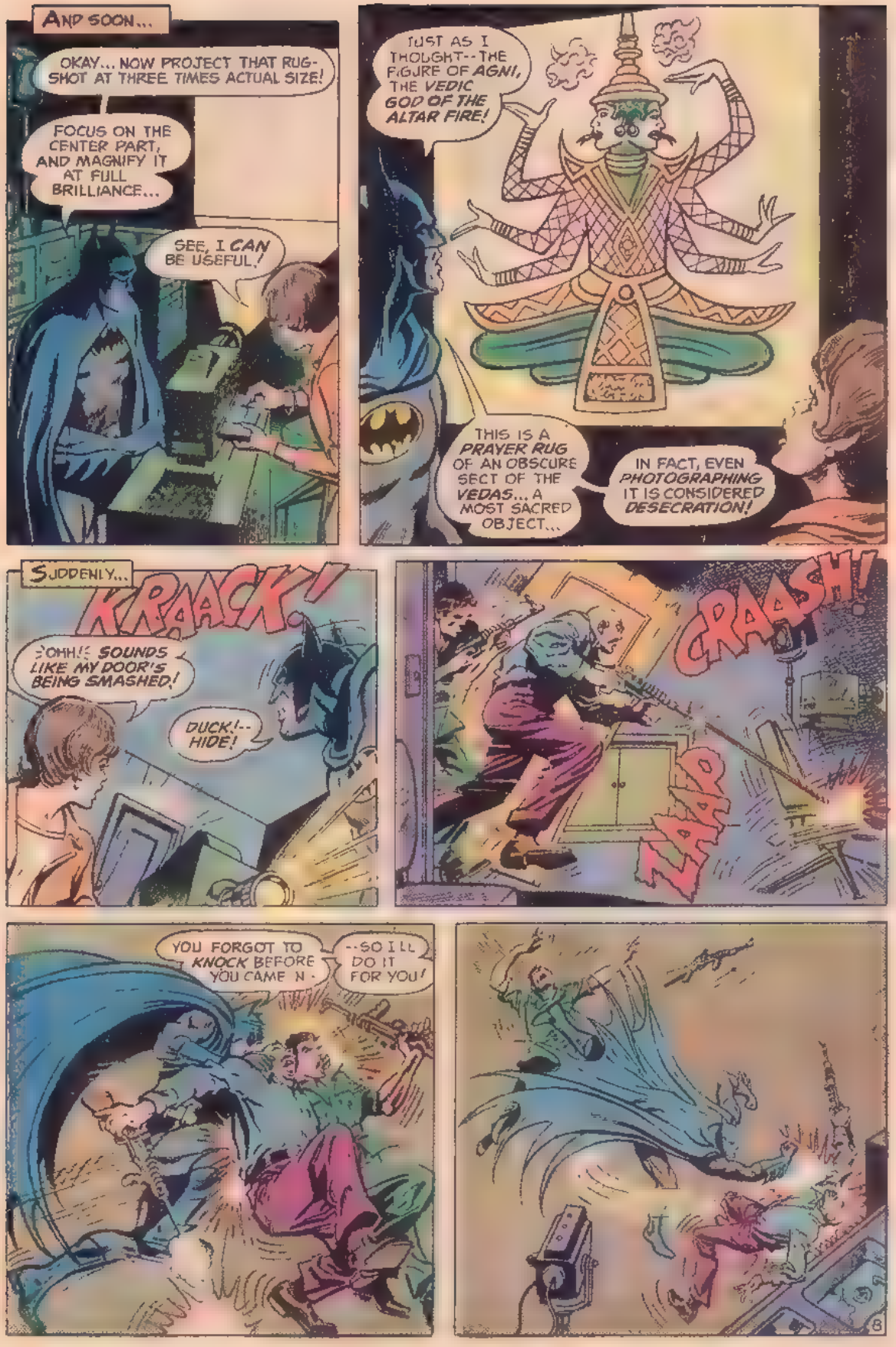
AND SOON...
OKAY... NOW PROJECT THAT RUG-SHOT AT THREE TIMES ACTUAL SIZE!
FOCUS ON THE CENTER PART, AND MAGNIFY IT AT FULL BRILLIANCE...
SEE, I CAN BE USEFUL!
JUST AS I THOUGHT--THE FIGURE OF AGNI, THE VEDIC GOD OF THE ALTAR FIRE!
THIS IS A PRAYER RUG OF AN OBSCURE SECT OF THE VEDAS... A MOST SACRED OBJECT...
IN FACT, EVEN PHOTOGRAPHING IT IS CONSIDERED DESECRATION!
SUDDENLY...
KRAACK!
OHH!! SOUNDS LIKE MY DOOR'S BEING SMASHED!
DUCK!--HIDE!
CRAASH!
ZAAP!
YOU FORGOT TO KNOCK BEFORE YOU CAME IN.
--SO I'LL DO IT FOR YOU!
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THIS ONE'S DEFINITELY OUT OF ACTION--
--BUT HIS PARTNER SEEMS TO HAVE GAINED A SECOND WIND!
YOU'VE HAD SUFFICIENT CHANCES TO GET THE BATMAN..
ZUNG!
...YOU MANAGED TO BLOW THEM ALL--
--AMATEUR!
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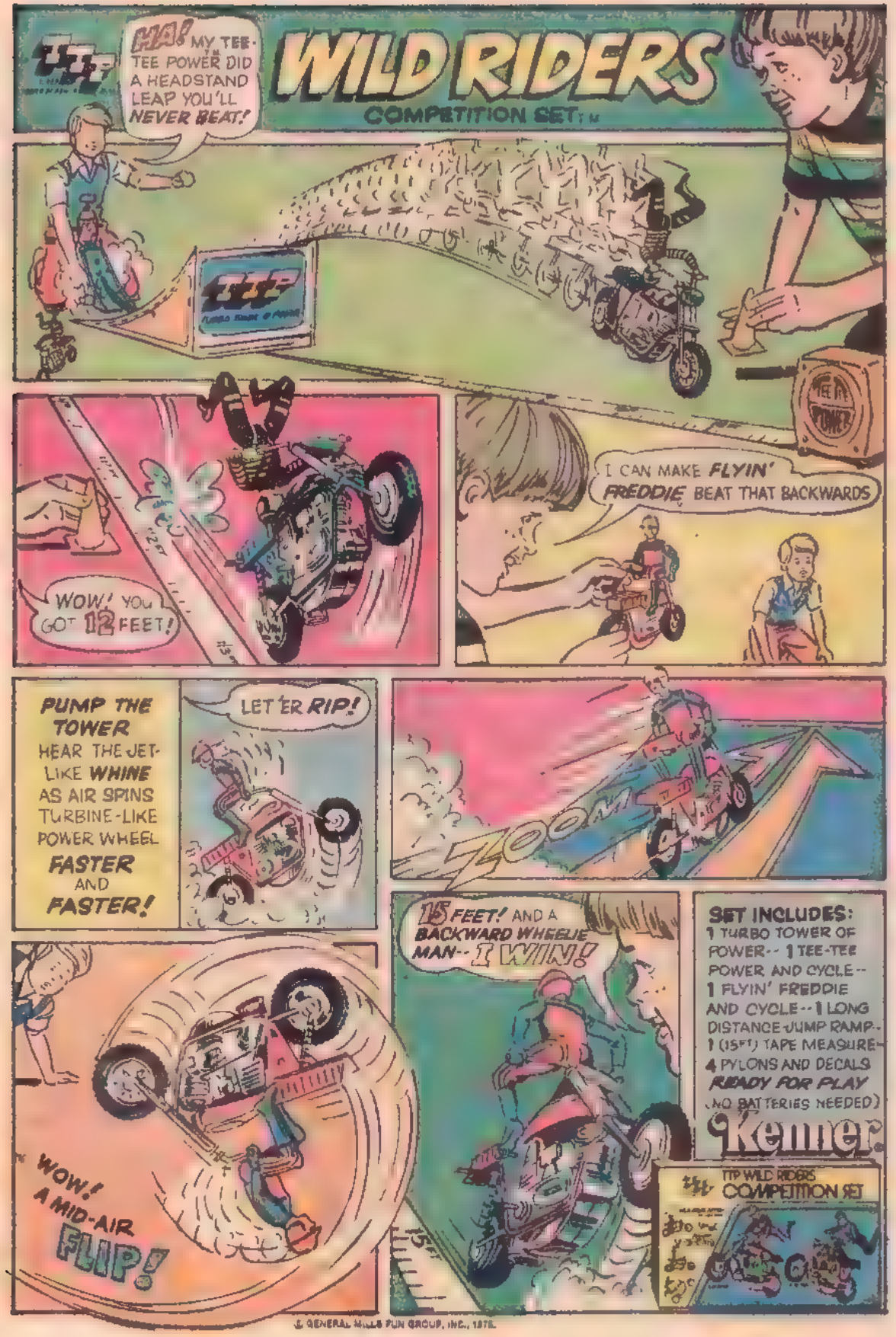
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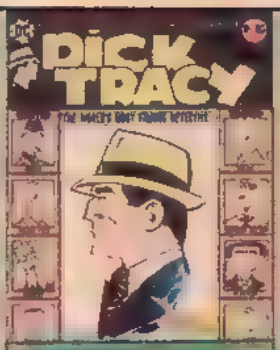

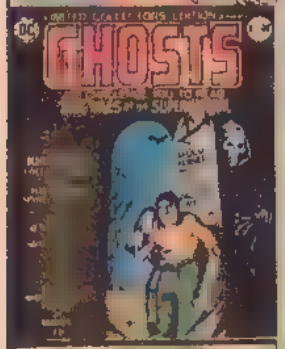

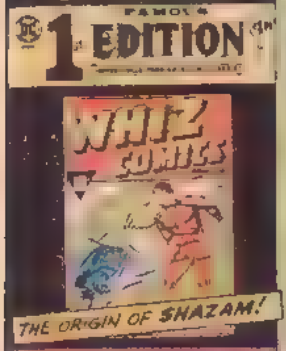

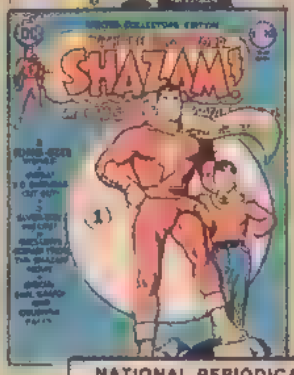

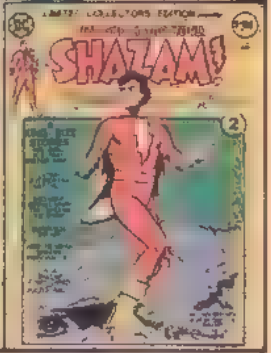

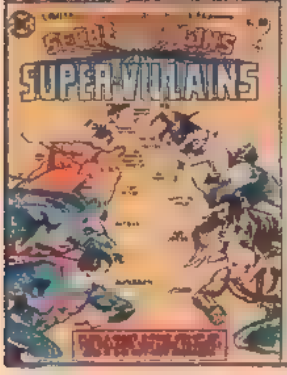

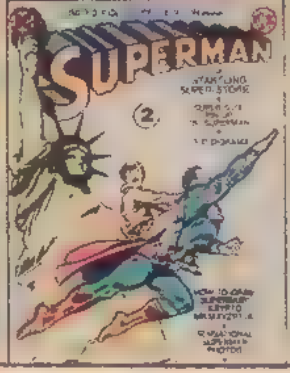

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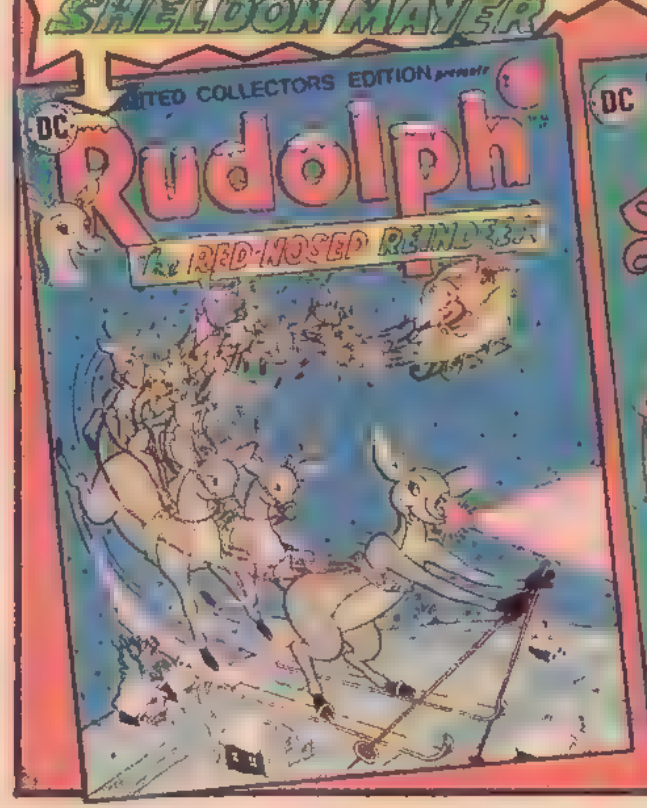

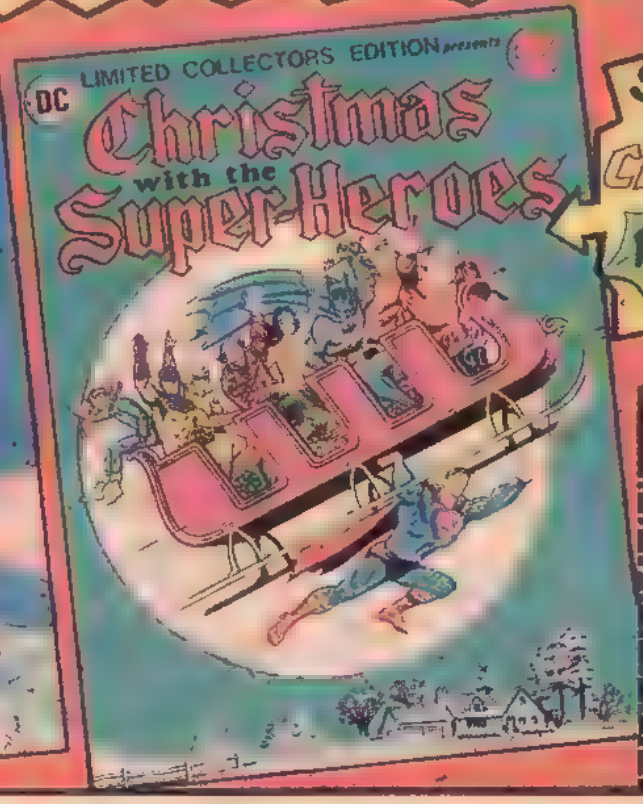

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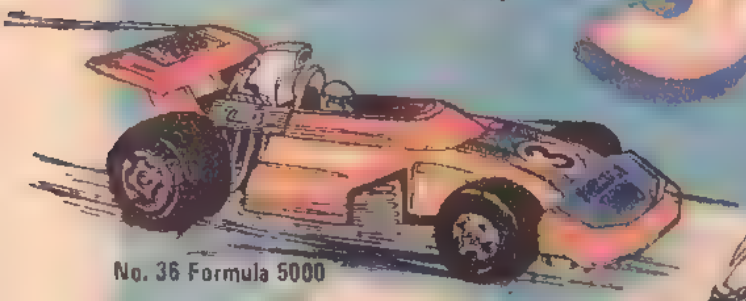

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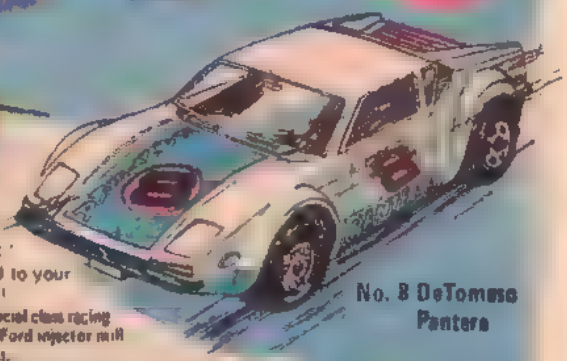

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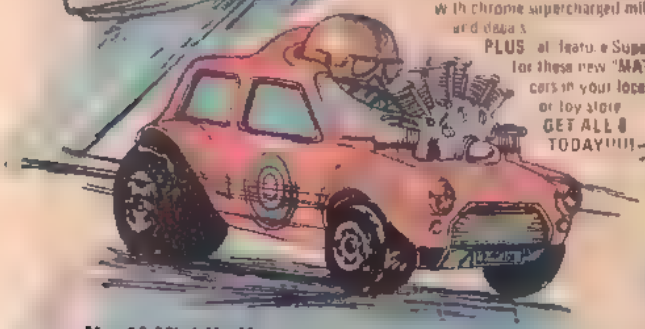

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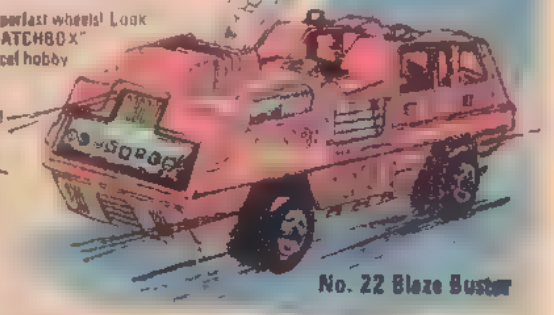

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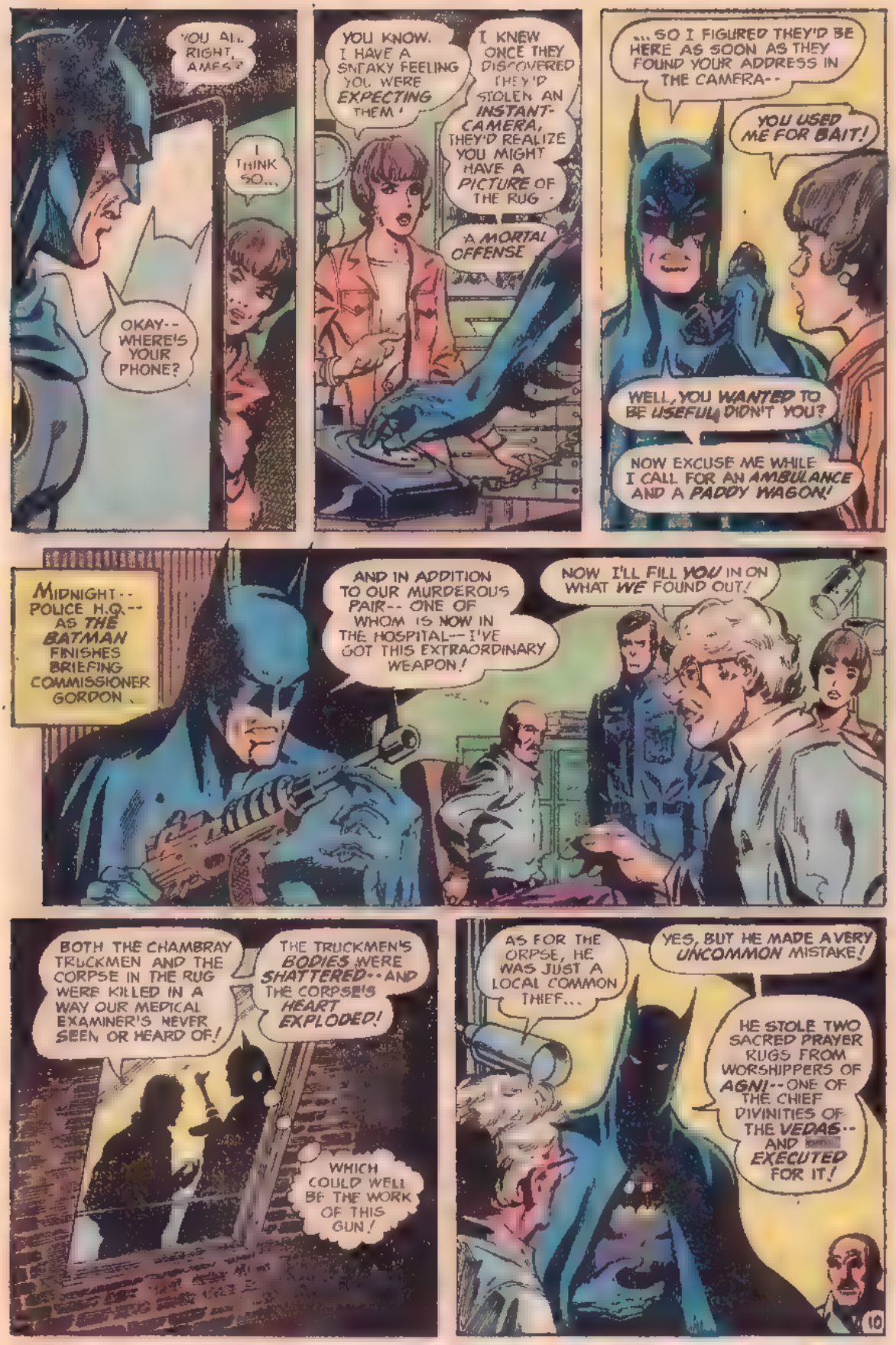
YOU ALL RIGHT, AMES?
I THINK SO...
OKAY-- WHERE'S YOUR PHONE?
YOU KNOW, I HAVE A SNEAKY FEELING YOU WERE EXPECTING THEM!
I KNEW ONCE THEY DISCOVERED THEY'D STOLEN AN INSTANT-CAMERA, THEY'D REALIZE YOU MIGHT HAVE A PICTURE OF THE RUG -
A MORTAL OFFENSE
...SO I FIGURED THEY'D BE HERE AS SOON AS THEY FOUND YOUR ADDRESS IN THE CAMERA--
YOU USED ME FOR BAIT!
WELL, YOU WANTED TO BE USEFUL, DIDN'T YOU?
NOW EXCUSE ME WHILE I CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE AND A PADDY WAGON!
MIDNIGHT-- POLICE H.Q.-- AS THE BATMAN FINISHES BRIEFING COMMISSIONER GORDON.
AND IN ADDITION TO OUR MURDEROUS PAIR-- ONE OF WHOM IS NOW IN THE HOSPITAL-- I'VE GOT THIS EXTRAORDINARY WEAPON!
NOW I'LL FILL YOU IN ON WHAT WE FOUND OUT!
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THE TRUCKMEN'S BODIES WERE SHATTERED-- AND THE CORPSE'S HEART EXPLODED!
WHICH COULD WELL BE THE WORK OF THIS GUN!
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YES, BUT HE MADE A VERY UNCOMMON MISTAKE!
HE STOLE TWO SACRED PRAYER RUGS FROM WORSHIPPERS OF AGNI-- ONE OF THE CHIEF DIVINITIES OF THE VEDAS-- AND EXECUTED FOR IT!

APPARENTLY THERE'S A SECRET TEMPLE OF THE CULT SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM...
CORRECT, BATMAN!
OUR TEMPLE WAS DEFILED BY THIEVERY--
--BUT WE QUICKLY DISCOVERED WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE--AND WHERE THE RUGS HAD BEEN SOLD!
ACCORDING TO OUR RITUAL, THE THIEF MUST BE BURIED IN THE DESECRATED BOOTY HE HAD STOLEN AND SOLD -
--THUS THE RUG BECAME HIS SHROUD!
AND WHAT OF THE INNOCENT MEN YOU KILLED IN THE PROCESS?
UNAVOIDABLE AND UNIMPORTANT! MORE-OVER, WE SHALL KILL AGAIN... BECAUSE THERE WERE TWO THIEVES!
WE HAVE THE OTHER AND HE WILL DIE LIKE THE FIRST!
WHEN THE SECOND RUG IS SOLD, IT, TOO, WILL BE DELIVERED WITH ITS DEAD CARGO INSIDE AND THEN DISINTEGRATE!
YOU CANNOT STOP US, BATMAN-- AGNI WILL BE SERVED!
NO, MY FRIEND, NOT AGNI-- JUSTICE!
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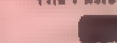

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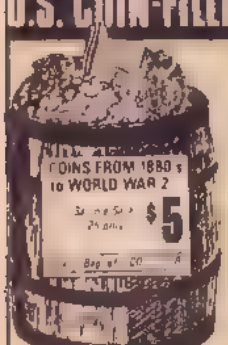

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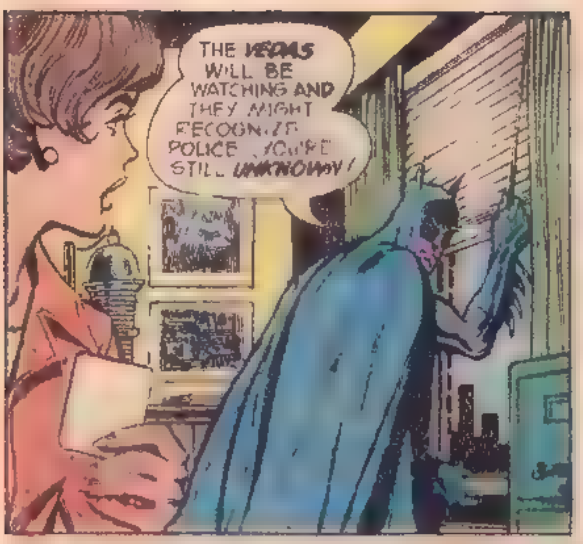

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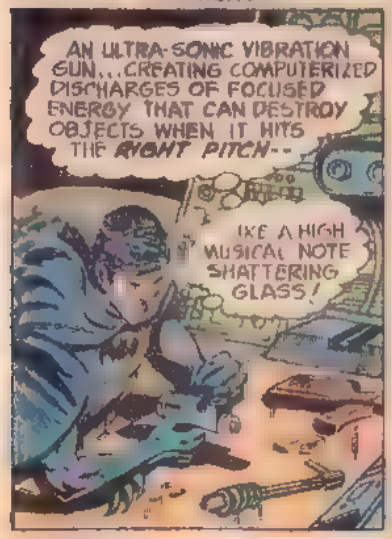
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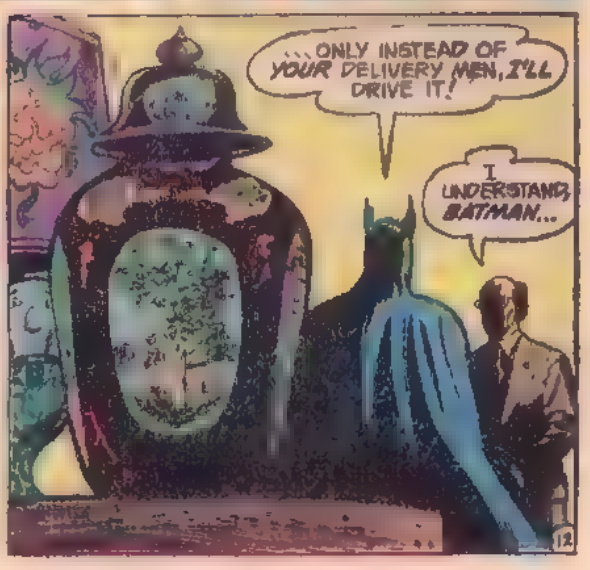
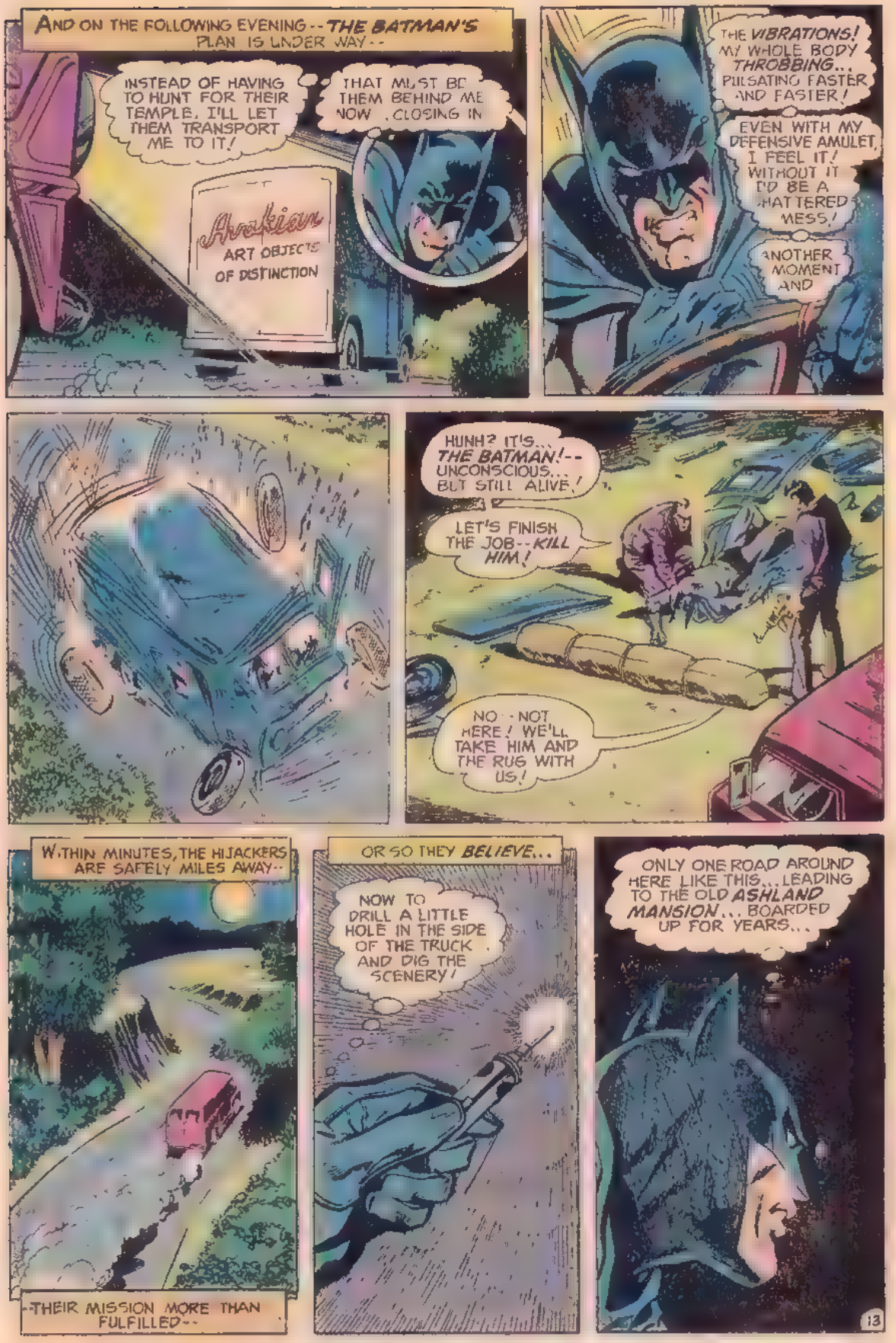
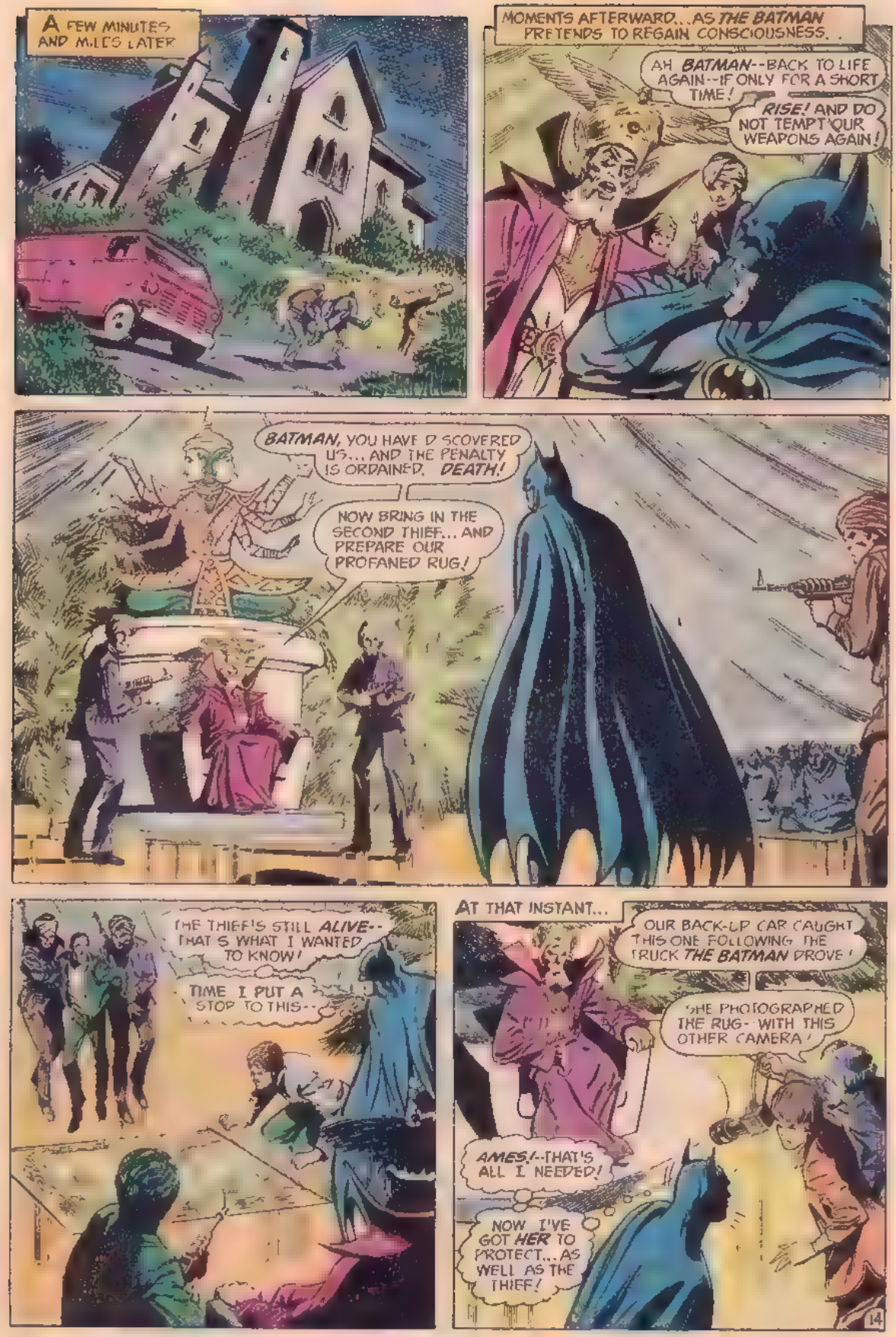



AND ON THE FOLLOWING EVENING -- THE BATMAN'S PLAN IS UNDER WAY --
INSTEAD OF HAVING TO HUNT FOR THEIR TEMPLE, I'LL LET THEM TRANSPORT ME TO IT!
THAT MUST BE THEM BEHIND ME NOW . CLOSING IN
Arabian ART OBJECTS OF DISTINCTION
THE VIBRATIONS! MY WHOLE BODY THROBBING... PULSATING FASTER AND FASTER!
EVEN WITH MY DEFENSIVE AMULET, I FEEL IT! WITHOUT IT I'D BE A SHATTERED MESS!
ANOTHER MOMENT AND
HUNH? IT'S... THE BATMAN!-- UNCONSCIOUS... BUT STILL ALIVE!
LET'S FINISH THE JOB -- KILL HIM!
NO - NOT HERE! WE'LL TAKE HIM AND THE RUG WITH US!
WITHIN MINUTES, THE HIJACKERS ARE SAFELY MILES AWAY--
--THEIR MISSION MORE THAN FULFILLED--
OR SO THEY BELIEVE...
NOW TO DRILL A LITTLE HOLE IN THE SIDE OF THE TRUCK . AND DIG THE SCENERY!
ONLY ONE ROAD AROUND HERE LIKE THIS... LEADING TO THE OLD ASHLAND MANSION... BOARDED UP FOR YEARS...


A FEW MINUTES AND MILES LATER
MOMENTS AFTERWARD...AS THE BATMAN PRETENDS TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS. .
AH BATMAN--BACK TO LIFE AGAIN--IF ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME!
RISE! AND DO NOT TEMPT OUR WEAPONS AGAIN!
BATMAN, YOU HAVE D SCOVERED US... AND THE PENALTY IS ORDAINED, DEATH!
NOW BRING IN THE SECOND THIEF... AND PREPARE OUR PROFANED RUG!
THE THIEF'S STILL ALIVE--THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW!
TIME I PUT A STOP TO THIS--
AT THAT INSTANT...
OUR BACK-UP CAR CAUGHT THIS ONE FOLLOWING THE TRUCK THE BATMAN DROVE!
SHE PHOTOGRAPHED THE RUG- WITH THIS OTHER CAMERA!
AMES!--THAT'S ALL I NEEDED!
NOW I'VE GOT HER TO PROTECT... AS WELL AS THE THIEF!
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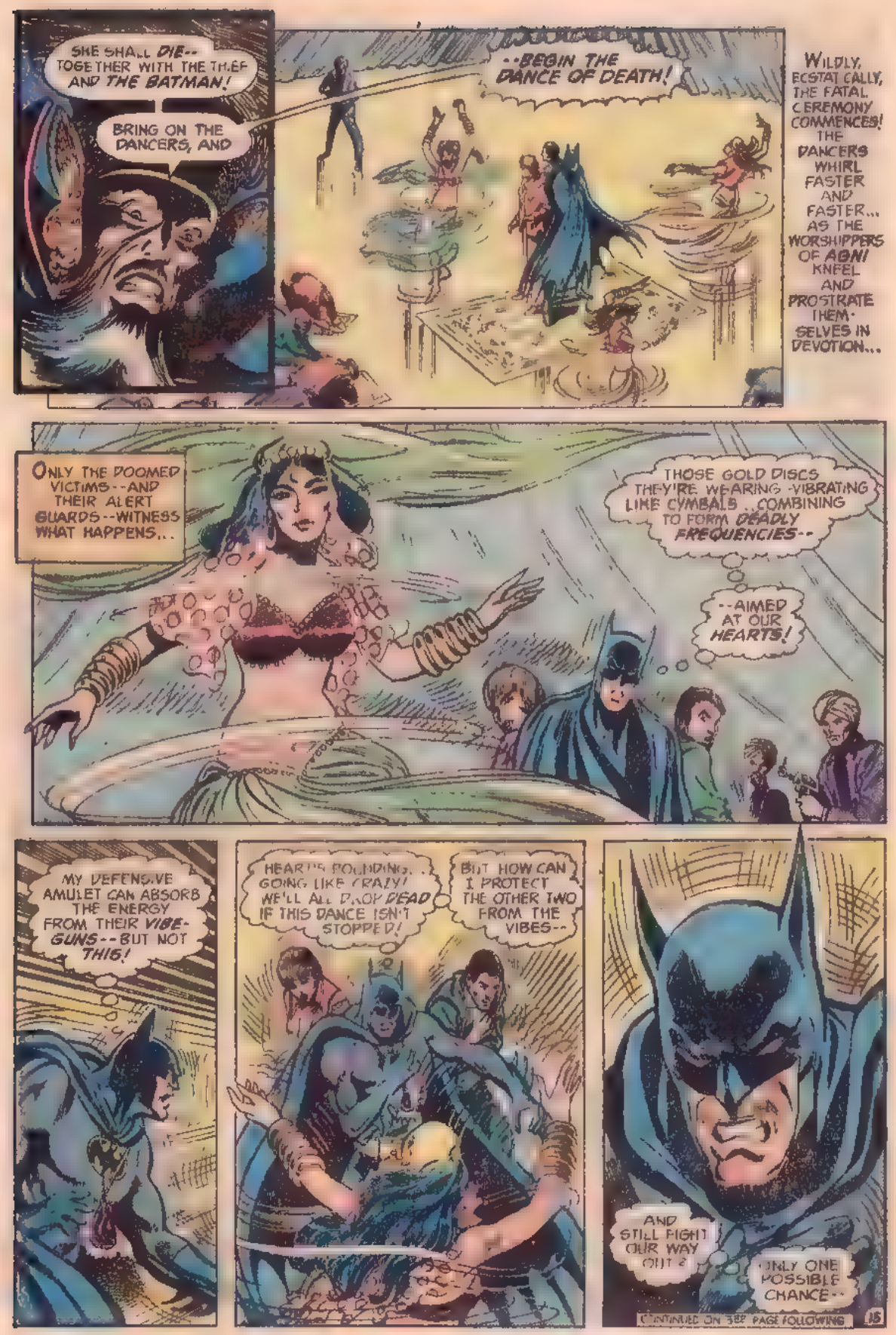
SHE SHALL DIE-- TOGETHER WITH THE THIEF AND THE BATMAN!
BRING ON THE DANCERS, AND
--BEGIN THE DANCE OF DEATH!
WILDLY, ECSTATICALLY, THE FATAL CEREMONY COMMENCES! THE DANCERS WHIRL FASTER AND FASTER... AS THE WORSHIPPERS OF ABNI KNEEL AND PROSTRATE THEMSELVES IN DEVOTION...
ONLY THE DOOMED VICTIMS--AND THEIR ALERT GUARDS--WITNESS WHAT HAPPENS...
THOSE GOLD DISCS THEY'RE WEARING--VIBRATING LIKE CYMBALS--COMBINING TO FORM DEADLY FREQUENCIES--
--AIMED AT OUR HEARTS!
MY DEFENSIVE AMULET CAN ABSORB THE ENERGY FROM THEIR VIBE-GUNS--BUT NOT THIS!
HEARTS POUNDING... GOING LIKE CRAZY! WE'LL ALL DROP DEAD IF THIS DANCE ISN'T STOPPED!
BUT HOW CAN I PROTECT THE OTHER TWO FROM THE VIBES--
AND STILL FIGHT OUR WAY OUT?
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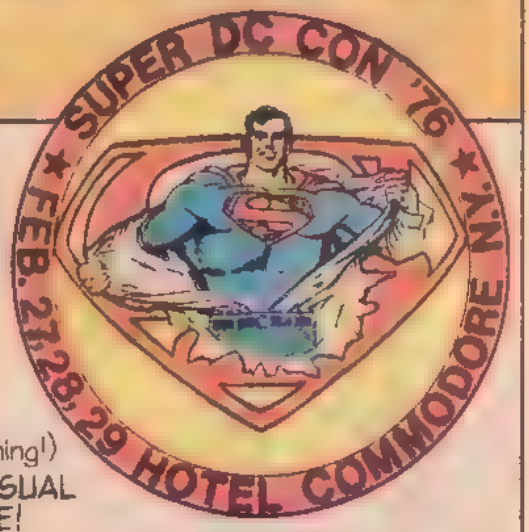

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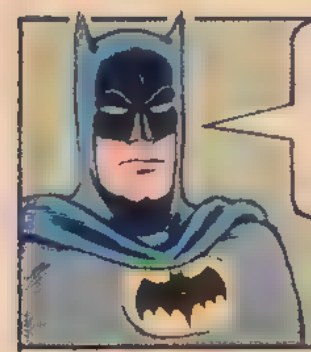

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THE AMULET'S WORKING ATTRACTING AND ABSORBING THE LETHAL ENERGY
--CANCELING OUT THEIR VIBE-GUNS!
THE OTHER CANCELING OUT - I'LL HAVE TO DO BY HAND--
AND ONE HAND AT THAT
THAT'S IT--DON'T BREAK THE CONNECTION!
I'M YOUR SHIELD AGAINST THOSE DEADLY VIBRATIONS!
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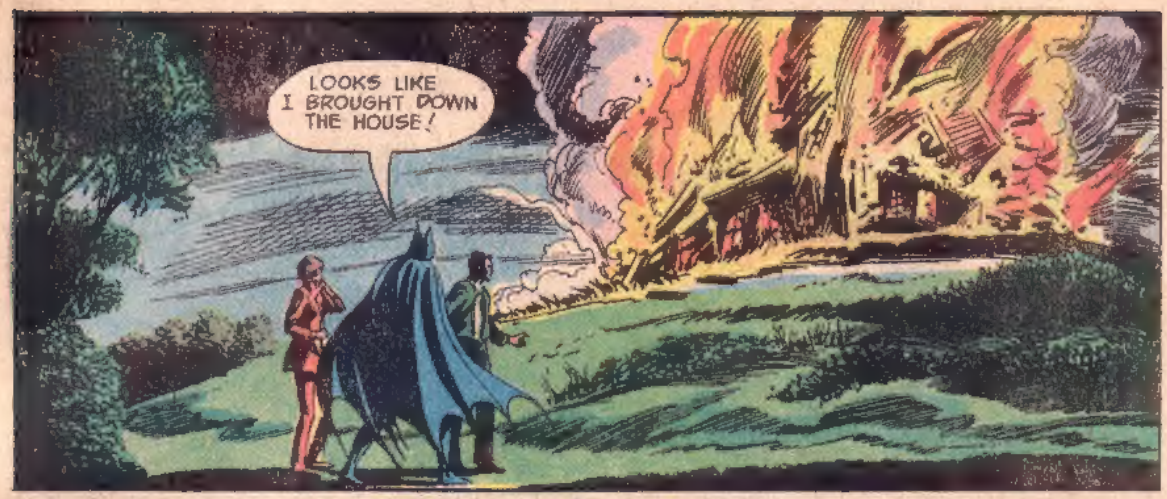
THEY'VE HAD TO STOP THE GUNS · AFRAID OF HITTING THEIR OWN PEOPLE!
SNAP!
BUT MY AMULET IS SO LOADED NOW
IT'S PRACTICALLY A BOMB
SO HERE GOES!
BAR-ROOM!
C'MON- THIS WAY OUT!
THAT AMULET IS HIGHLY VOLATILE! WE'D BETTER GET AWAY FROM HERE-- FAST!



SINCE THEY'RE ALL IN THE BASEMENT--THAT'LL KEEP 'EM SAFELY COOPED UP TILL GORDON'S BRIGADE ARRIVES!
BY THE WAY, AMES--I GOT YOUR CAMERA BACK WHILE I WAS AT IT!

SOON...
...AND I OVERHEARD AVAKIAN'S TELEPHONE CALL WHEN I WAS AT HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER--SO I KNEW WHERE TO WATCH FOR THE BATMAN!
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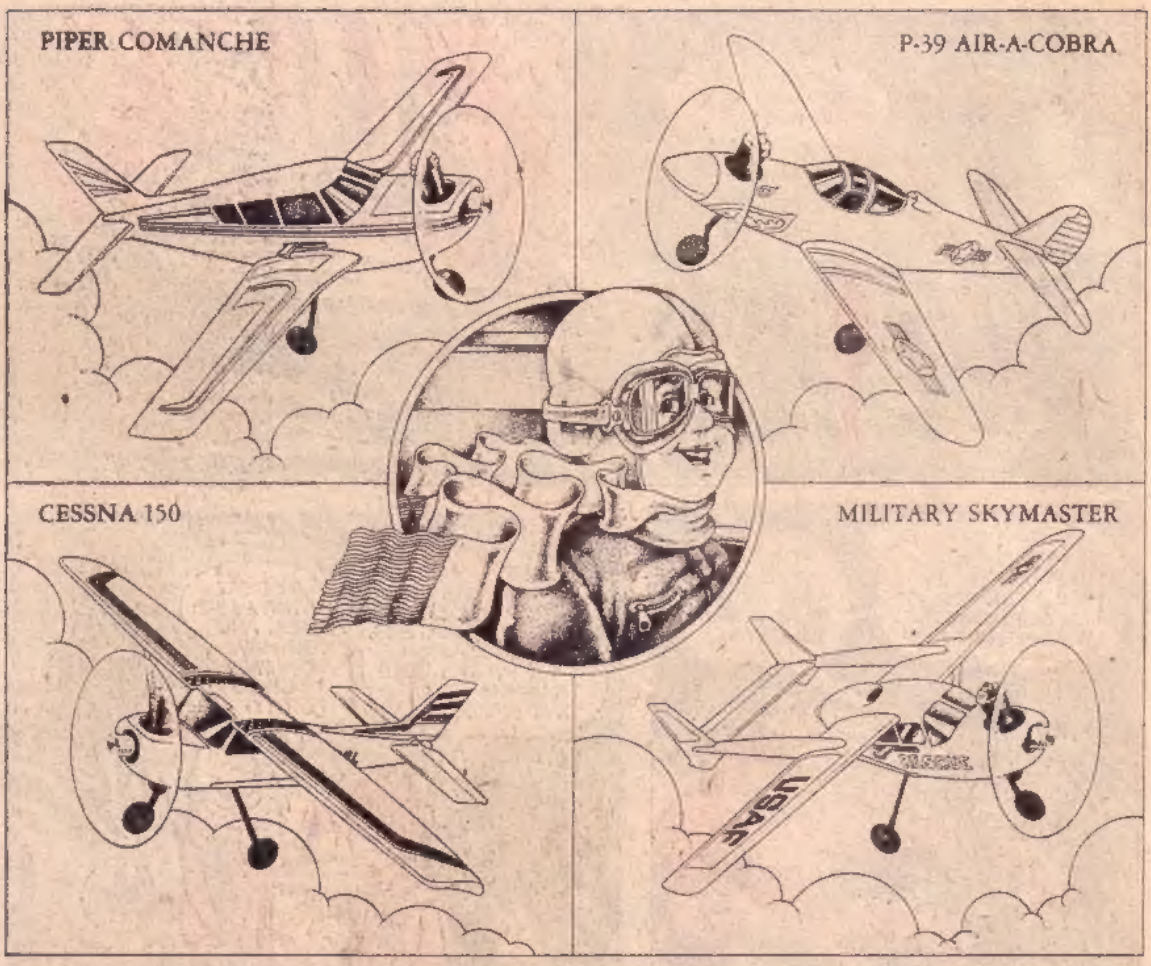

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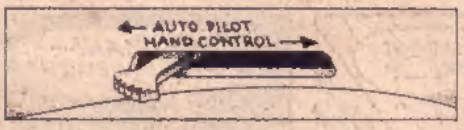

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